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The democrats will now resume turning the rascals out.

Politics is the science of "getting there" and is the same in all political parties and in all countries.

WEDNESDAY'S KANSAS CITY markets: 1000 lb. steers 2.95; cows, tops, 2.50; hogs 4.40 to 4.55, a decline of 10 to 20c on previous day. No. 2 wheat 50 to 51c; No. 3 48 to 49c; corn 41 to 43c.

The part of the chief's message that is most pleasing to the masses is the part in which he calls attention to the fact that there is something over four million dollars found due the nation from the United States.

MAJ. KIDD, Capt. McKennon and Stenographer Jacobway, of the Dawes commission, were north-bound passengers last Monday, en route for Washington. Ex-Senator Dawes is already at the national capital. The purpose in going to Washington at this time is to discuss affairs of this country in detail with the administration and have a report prepared by the assembling of congress three weeks hence.

THERE must be at least half a dozen gangs as desperate as the Cooks operating in this territory. The number of murders and hold-ups reported every week is simply alarming, yet there are people still contending that such reports are very much overdrawn. In the minds of some people it is a crime to report a train robbery or a murder. The kind of national pride and patriotism that refuses to expose crime in this or any other country is very dangerous indeed.

LAST Saturday at South McAlester Senators Jones and Berry, of Arkansas, Gov. Renfro and Hon. Henry E. Asp, of Oklahoma, and others, met with the Dawes commission and addressed the people on the subject of the probable action of congress this winter in reference to this country. Senator Jones went over to Tahlequah and made a speech to the Cherokee council on invitation from Chief Harris, the gist of which will be found in our Tahlequah letter, printed elsewhere.

In renewing for THE CHIEFTAIN Judge John A. Foreman writes: Hurrah for Sam Mayes and the passage of a law providing for the survey of our land, regulating the settlement thereon, limiting citizens to a certain number of acres, doing away with the one-fourth mile outside, and kicking every actual Cherokee by blood or adoption who is base enough to call for, or want a change in our government other than purifying it ourselves and upholding it with our own hands, and singing its praises to the world.

THE chief's message, printed in this issue, like many of its predecessors, is a well written, timely and sensible document. The "annual message" of a chief of the nation is only evolved after much thought and as in the present case is generally of some literary merit. The first and most important topic touched upon by Chief Harris is with reference to our relations to the general government and the propositions of the Dawes commission. That our interests may be thoroughly guarded the chief recommends that council lose no time in providing a delegation to congress.

WHERE THE TROUBLE LIES.

The fact cannot be denied that the land question is the greatest one confronting the Cherokee people at this time. We are supposed to hold our lands in common, and that would imply equal benefits to all concerned, and whenever any part of our people occupy or use more or less, as the case may be, the land is not held in common.

The original intention was all right with regard to common property while land was plentiful and we were not interrupted by intruders, but now conditions have changed and justice demands that there be some restriction. A few people are in possession of all the most valuable lands and locations, and there must necessarily be a new deal some time. There is not a shadow of right or justice to those who are without homes to allow the country to remain as it is. If the land is to "remain common property"—the common property of all the citizens—some will have to disgorge, and that is exactly where the trouble comes in. Every man wants to keep all he has of the public domain and if he has more than his share he is certainly opposed to any sort of a division that would deprive him of what he is already in possession of.

At their disposal to express the inquiry, and obtain redress." kept quiet but has been managed by Columbia store.

OUR TAHLEQUAH BUDGET.

THE FIRST WEEK'S PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL.

Politics Crop out When Officers are Mentioned—A Hanging Law for Blackwell's Benefit.

Tahlequah, I. T., Nov. 15.

The first week of council has come and gone and a review of it does not show a very prolific one for legislation. But then, this is no more or less than was expected. There are some plums to fall, and you see the members will be kept quite busy "fixing" everything so that they will fall in the right man's apron. And besides, it would not do to rush in important bills before the appointments are made, for if they were they would likely serve as collateral for the lawmakers to use among themselves in "trading" on who shall fill the several positions. With this view of the case before us, we can but wait and hope for the speedy appointment of a delegation, a supreme judge, a member of the board of education and superintendents of the high schools.

The Nationals will, it is said, hold a caucus tonight or tomorrow night, and what they say will settle the matter of who shall have the coveted places. The Nationals of this council are like the Republican, of the coming congress will be; they are "strictly in it," with a voting majority of both houses, and will give the chief a "tip" as to whose names they want to confirm. Judge J. M. Keys and Jesse Redbird, the latter from Going-nake, are in the lead at this writing, or at least that's the opinion of most of the prominent Nationals, and they ought to know. But little can be learned as to who will go to Washington as delegates, but there are plenty of aspirants who think they would make able representatives at the federal capital. For superintendent of the male seminary, Gus Ivey, of local newspaper fame, and Gideon Morgan, one of the founders of the late lamented People's party, are running neck and neck and it is thought Gus will out-wind Gid on the home stretch.

Senator W. E. Sanders introduced a bill to incarcerate prisoners in the national jail, pending trial, in case they do not give bond. Some of the fullblood members did not at first understand the proposition but when it was explained to them the bill passed both houses and will be approved by the chief.

The chief, by special message, asked council to take some action in regard to the new boom city of David, near Chelsea. Here is the message:

Whereas, Information has been received by me that one A. J. Blackwell, a citizen of this nation, has assumed to run off a certain part of his improvement, upon the public domain of the Cherokee nation, into lots and is selling the same to citizens of the United States; and whereas, such action is in violation of the laws of this nation and a fraud upon those who buy, and will lead to further and more serious complications of our relations with the government of the United States and their citizens, and to dissension and strife among our people, and whereas, other citizens are said to contemplate like action, now therefore,

I, C. J. Harris, principal chief of the Cherokee nation, do hereby warn all citizens of this nation to cease such unlawful purpose, and do hereby notify all citizens of the United States that the pretended sale of such lots is in violation of the laws of this nation and to be null and void, and the persons making such sales are frauds, impostors and criminals, and all will be prosecuted in the courts of this nation.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Cherokee nation, this 7th day of November, 1894.
C. J. HARRIS,
Principal Chief.

The answer is a bill that has passed both houses, amending the old law, and making it treason for a Cherokee citizen to sell any land of this nation to a non-citizen. Upon conviction of violating this proposed law, the penalty is death by hanging. The bill was returned to the senate by the chief without his approval. He thought well of the bill but suggested that it be amended as to the punishment, making it terms in prison instead of hanging until dead. This and one other imperfection has his reasons for not signing the bill.

The senate occupied much of its time Friday in discussing and wrangling over the joint resolution relating to the investigation of the Strip money claimants.

A special message was read Friday from the chief stating that on next Monday a semi-official committee from congress, composed of Hon. J. K. Jones and several other senators, would be here and address the senate and council in joint session.

Bills have been introduced and passed granting license to trade to the following persons: W. P. Rin-

go, at Lenapah; Patrick Foley, at Claremore; J. H. Lindsey, at Tolan; J. C. Starr, at Grove; John Comingle, at Tahlequah; and J. M. Seabolt & Co., at Muldrow.

The resignation of John L. Springston as interpreter for the senate was read and accepted Friday afternoon.

The application of Cynthia C. Lynch for re-admission to citizenship was introduced by Mr. Bethel and tabled.

On motion of Mr. Vann, of Coconawee, the report of special accountant, R. F. Wyly, on the indebtedness of the United States to the Cherokee nation was read and accepted.

A motion was made to reconsider the bill passed granting a divorce to Albert Wickett from his wife, Ellen Wickett, and the bill was killed.

Joint resolution providing for the appointment of joint committees of three from each house to investigate claims against the proceeds of the Strip fund was passed in the house and returned to the senate.

Council bill No. 3, an act to incorporate the towns of Afton, Pryor Creek, Catonsa and Bluejacket was introduced by Mr. Woodall of Delaware, which passed and was sent to the senate.

Both houses of the national council adjourned soon after meeting Monday morning and repaired to the opera house to hear a talk by U. S. Senator Jas. K. Jones of Arkansas, who, it was announced some days ago, would be here. There were no other senators with him, as it was expected there would be. The opera house was filled to overflowing to hear the senator speak. Chief Harris presided at the meeting and introduced Senator Jones. Hon. G. W. Bengtson acted as interpreter. Senator Jones' remarks were to the point and were well received by the large crowd who heard them. The pith of his speech was about as follows:

"The time has now come when the Cherokee must act on the matter of allotment. The senate in the country at large and a majority of the members of congress demand a change in the condition of this country. It is for the Cherokee by prompt action to take the lead in this question. Delay will only force the change upon them, and will, in all probability, lead to a settlement not as advantageous as they might wish. Some change will be demanded and the Cherokee, by showing the proper disposition in the matter, can obtain a much more favorable settlement than by refusing to participate in any moves made.

The land belongs to the Indians and every foot of it must go to them. He will never lend his influence or aid to any move to deprive them of one foot of territory which is theirs by right. This desire on the part of congress that the Cherokee should become close citizens of the United States, showed that congress considered them worthy of that honor. It was a tribute to their culture and civilization.

The senator, in conclusion, stated that his remarks were not made in an official capacity but as a friend of the Indians.

Replying to a question by E. C. Boudinot regarding probable trouble over the M. K. & T. lands in case of allotment, the senator replied that the government of course could not guarantee that no law suit would ensue, but as long as the Indians as a tribe or individually held a title to the lands they could not be disturbed.

Short addresses were made by E. C. Boudinot and Senator "Sargy" Sanders and others, thanking the senator for the interest he had shown in their welfare.

The addresses of Senator Jones and the other gentlemen were well delivered and well received. There is no doubt but what their remarks will cause a deeper interest to be taken in this subject and more attention be given to finding a method to settle this great question of the future of our nation.

The meeting adjourned at noon. Senator Jones, accompanied by Gen. Porter, drove to Fort Gibson in the afternoon.

In the senate Monday afternoon nearly all the session was consumed in the reading of Acc. ant. ant. Wyly's report of his findings at Washington.

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The president has appointed Wm. E. Russell, of Massachusetts, a member of the board of Indian commissioners. Russell was one of the strongest men in his state but went down for re-election before ex-Congressman Grenshaw.

Scarlet fever is reported at Claremore.

FORT SMITH.

REPORTED BY OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

"Blind" John Taylor is stuck at Last—Other Pension Frauds—Elmer Lucas Convicted.

FT. SMITH, ARK., Nov. 15, 1894.

Dan Roberts, larceny, jury out. George and William Mheen, mailing obscene letters, trial progressing.

The Fort Smith football team were defeated here Saturday by the A. I. W. team, by a score of 42 to 0. It was the first Rugby game ever played in the city.

It was reported in this city this morning that Bill Cook and two of his associates robbed a drug store in Ft. Gibson last night. The other two were supposed to be French and Crosby.

Jim Riley, the tramp who was shot a month ago just south of the city by Dr. Miller, a Mexican quack dentist, died at St. John's hospital Friday. Miller has never been heard from since the shooting occurred.

John M. Taylor, of Tahlequah, was convicted to-day of perjury and presenting false claims to the government. He is nearly blind and obtained a pension on the ground that his blindness was the result of a gunshot wound received at the battle of Poison Springs, when in fact he was not in the battle and was not wounded. His arrest created a big sensation.

A John Lee, a prisoner in the county jail, serving a sentence for larceny, objected to being made work the county roads. On last Thursday soon after he was taken out on the road, he took a knife out of the "grub box" and deliberately cut a big gash in his left arm. He was brought to the city at once and it was found necessary to amputate his arm at the elbow.

The trial of John Graves resulted in his acquittal. He very materially strengthened his alibi since his former trial and many ladies were witnesses for him. Judge Frederick, Graves' attorney, is very highly elated over the verdict. He had five of his clients convicted of murder and in each case secured a reversal from the supreme court. Four of the cases have been tried a second time and two of the defendants acquitted. Graves was in jail thirty-three months and his health is greatly impaired.

Elmer Lucas, a member of the Cook gang, was convicted of train robbery Saturday in the U. S. court. He held the horses while Cook, Crawford Crosby, alias Cherokee, Bill, Henry Munson, alias Jack Starr, Melbourne Baldwin, alias Skeeter, and Curtis Dayson robbed the Frisco train at Red Fork July 18, 1894. Cook had been informed that there was a big lot of money on the train but they failed to get it. The express messenger saved a package containing \$1,000 by placing it in a book which he carried in his hand. Lucas was known as "Chicken" and got only ninety cents as his share. Cook, Crosby and Baldwin are the only three now at large. This was Cook's first train robbery.

Alex. W. Crain, H. G. Malot, George R. Davis and Mrs. Alice B. Davis were tried last week for conspiracy to defraud the government, forgery and presenting false claims and were acquitted. Davis lives at Arbeka and his wife is a sister of John Brown, chief of the Seminole nation. Crain was a United States commissioner and made out a number of pension applications for Seminole and Creek soldiers. When the pension examiners went down to investigate the claims the applicants denied having made the claims, signed them or sworn to them. Some of the would-be pensioners swore that they went to Mrs. Davis and that she filled out the blank application for them and that "Mr. Crain" signed them. There were seven cases against Crain but he was convicted in only two. He has filed a motion for a stay of execution.

Delegate Flynn, of Oklahoma, republican, was re-elected by 2,426 votes. The territorial legislature is also republican.

A. J. Blackwell was arrested at the "city of David" a few days ago and carried back to Claremore with handcuffs on.

The state press was barren of news last week. The republican papers were filled up with rosters and the democratic with an evidence of crow.

Amos McIntosh, prosecuting attorney of the Creek nation, shot Len Atkins, the tax collector, at Checotah Saturday night. It was the outgrowth of a horse race.

The election was but four days old until one Kansas City election judge had been fined \$500 for throwing a witness out of the polling place. St. Louis and Chicago are also preparing for a crusade against violators of the election laws.

If the Creek council continues the good work until next Thursday the country will be safe. The good news is broken to us gently every day by the council has done nothing. This is certainly the best council we have had in many years.—Journal.

Better treat with the Dawes commission! The whole thing is ripe. When things get ripe they fall. Same thing happened when things got rotten. The Herald is not abusing the Cherokees. It is merely pointing out the inevitable. We cannot hope to stem the tide of public opinion longer. Let's arrange matters in keeping with good sense. Let's do what we can to protect the helpless and ask the gods to save us from boudlers and demagogues in the future. The angels could do no more. Amen.—Choctaw Herald.

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